

PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Four separate calendars are provided to aid river trip planning: 1) the Lees Ferry's launch calendar, 2) the Phantom Ranch exchange calendar, 3) the Whitmore exchange calendar, and 4) the Diamond Creek takeout calendar. These calendars list the tentative schedules for all commercial, non-commercial, research and National Park Service work trips (except patrol trips). The National Park Service will continue to post this information if doing so proves to be useful and feasible.

Because there is presently no automatic way to generate complete river calendars, the calendars are manually generated and posted to the website approximately one month in advance. An automated system is expected to be completed sometime in 2007. Once posted on this website, these calendars will not be updated. Some minor trip changes should be expected to occur after the calendars are posted.

How to read the calendars

Each trip is labeled on the calendar according to its planned schedule. The first abbreviation represents the name of the company or type of trip. The second number represents the maximum number or passengers at any given time (including crew). The final series of numbers and letters reflects the trip's planned schedule. Whitmore and Diamond Creek schedules include prefixes detailing the type of activity as well. Some examples are provided. All trips launch at Lee's Ferry.

Abbreviations

Type of Trip/Company Names

PRIV = Private Trip **RSH** = Research Trip **GRCA** = NPS trip **GCMRC** = GCMRC Research Trip
TRAN = Commercial Training Trip **AZRA** = Arizona Raft Adventures **ARIZ** = Arizona River Runners
CAEX = Canyon Explorations **CANY** = Canyoneers **COLO** = Colorado River and Trail Expeditions
DIAM = Diamond River Adventures **EXPD** = Canyon Expeditions **HATC** = Hatch River Expeditions
GRCE = Grand Canyon Expeditions **MOKI** = Moki Mac River Expeditions **OARS** = O.A.R.S.
OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited **TOUR** = Tour West **WEST** = Western River Expeditions
WILD = Wilderness River Adventures

Location

P = Phantom Ranch **W** = Whitmore Helipad **D** = Diamond Creek
J = Jet boat **L** = Lake Mead **>** = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

Takeout/Exchange Prefixes

X = Passenger Exchange **P** = Passengers Out **T** = Takeout (entire trip) **E** = Equipment Out

Examples

PRIV 15 9P12D3L

A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Creek, 12 more days to Diamond Creek, 3 more days to Lake Mead to take out.

WEST 28 6W3J>L

28 participants, 6 days to Whitmore Helipad, 3 days to off-load passengers by jet boat, the crew and equipment will continue to Lake Mead.

AZRA 20 10D

20 participants, 10 days to Diamond Creek.

The Lees Ferry Launch Calendar lists all trips by their launch dates. The launch schedule will mirror the launch schedule in **Appendix B** of the 2006 Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) with two exceptions. First, additional “administrative trips” may be listed on the calendar. Administrative trips are always “additional” trips and never displace recreational trips. Second, some commercial trip slots may not be utilized – when earlier trips use up a company’s total user-day allocation for a season, additional trips may not be launched by that concessionaire. The number of days that trips can spend on each segment of the river above Diamond Creek are not dictated by the CRMP; only total trip lengths are restricted and vary by the season within which the launch occurs. For detailed information, see the **Commercial Operating Requirements** and **Noncommercial River Trip Regulations**.

Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar

This calendar includes **only** those commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and **all** non-commercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Non-commercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch, and some noncommercial trips will decide to exchange passengers at Phantom Ranch.

There are few river camps in the stretch of river between Hance Rapids and Phantom Ranch. If you are not planning to exchange passengers, standard river courtesy calls for selection of camps outside this area. Use of the two camps at Cremation Camp, river mile 87, is restricted to those trips who will be exchanging passengers the following day. If your trip is not exchanging passengers in the vicinity of Phantom Ranch, do not plan to use that camp. If you are exchanging passengers and the calendar indicates there may be more than two trips doing so the same day as you, expect that Cremation Camp may be full and camp upstream. Courteous communication with other trips on the water can help reduce congestion in the Phantom Ranch area.

Whitmore Wash Exchange Calendar

Some commercial trips use a helicopter service to fly out or exchange passengers at Whitmore Wash, RM 187. Beginning in 2007, helicopter flights will be restricted to the hours before 10 AM. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion. The “X” in front of the trip’s abbreviation signifies a passenger exchange; the “P” means that passengers will be flown out and only equipment will continue to the takeout.

Diamond Creek Takeout Calendar

The Diamond Creek calendar includes all trips that indicate that some portion of their equipment and/or passengers will be utilizing the Diamond Creek takeout. Letters in front of the trip abbreviation have the following meanings: “T” means the entire trip is taking out, “P” means the passengers are taking out; “E” means that the equipment and crew only will be taking out.

Due to low water levels and increased numbers of launches, congestion has increased at Diamond Creek. Communication and cooperation among all launch ramp users is essential. The Hualapai Tribe has requested that groups not de-rig at the launch ramp between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If the schedule indicates that several other trips will be taking out the same day as you, try to expedite your takeout and use as little space on the ramp as possible.

Lees Ferry Launches April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 11 9P 12D COLO 20 13J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L GTS 15 6P 8D	2 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 8 7P 8D	3 PRIV 10 8P 10D TOUR 14 18D WEST 17 7W3J>L	4 PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 13 8P13D ARIZ 16 7P9W>D	5 PRIV 16 8P 13D ARIZ 20 4P5D>L AZRA 18 7P10D GRCA 15 8P 14D
6 PRIV 16 10P 10D PRIV 6 8P 10D OARS16 6P9W4J>L	7 PRIV 16 9P 12D DIAM 20 12D GRCA 12 11P 3D	8 PRIV 16 9P 8D PRIV 1 10P 11D GRCE 16 16J>L	9 PRIV12 9P 12D 3L WEST 18 7W3J>L	10 PRIV 8 8P 9D 4L PRIV 16 8P 13D GCMRC 18 17L	11 PRIV16 8P 11D 2L COLO 12 11L	12 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 8 7P 14D AZRA 10 7P10D
13 PRIV 16 7P 11D DIAM 20 6P8D HATC 20 12W>L	14 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 7P 9D	15 PRIV 16 6P 15D EXPD 18 8P9D GRCE 20 8J>L	16 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 8 9P 10D WEST 18 7W3J>L	17 PRIV 16 9P 10D HIGH 20 10D OARS 16 7P13J>L GCMRC17 14L	18 PRIV 15 9P 12D PRIV 6 10P11D 5L MOKI 18 16D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	19 PRIV 15 7P 14D CAEX 14 8P9D GRCE 19 8J>L
20 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 5 7P 9D CANY 20 7J>L OARS10 7P9W3D	21 PRIV 7 7P 14D AZRA 18 7P10D COLO 20 11D>L	22 PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 9 7P 6D OUTD 10 8P8W>D WRAD20 4P5W>D	23 *PRIV not scheduled at this time TOUR 10 18D WEST 18 7W3J>L	24 PRIV 13 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 12D GRCE 19 8J>L HIGH 18 6P9D	25 PRIV 13 9P12D 4L ARIZ 19 9W>L WRAD18 6P7W>D	26 PRIV 8 8P 8D * PRIV not scheduled at this time CANY 20 7J>L EXPD 10 9P10D
27 PRIV 13 10P 11D HATC 20 11W>L OARS 11 6P10J>L	28 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 8 8P 10D DIAM 20 4P5D OUTD 10 6P10J>L	29 PRIV 13 9P 11D AZRA 18 7P9D TOUR 10 6W3J>L	30 PRIV 12 6P 10D PRIV 8 8P 10D GRCE 16 16J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L			

Phantom Ranch Exchanges April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PRIV 16 8P 13D	2 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 7P 9D PRIV 8 8P 13D 3L	3 PRIV16 7P 11D 2L PRIV13 7P 10D 3L PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 8D	4 PRIV 16 6P 15D	5 GCMRC10 10P 12L
6 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV16 9P 12D 6L	7 GCMRC25 10P 8L GTS 15 6P 8D	8 PRIV 13 9P 12D PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 8 7P 8D ARIZ 20 4P5D>L GCMRC14 10P 7L	9 PRIV 11 9P 12D	10 PRIV 10 8P 10D ARIZ 16 7P9W>D	11 PRIV13 8P 13D AZRA 18 7P10D OARS 16 6P9W4J>L	12 PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 16 8P 13D
13 PRIV 6 8P 10D GRCA 15 8P 14D	14	15 PRIV 16 10P 10D PRIV 16 9P 12D	16 PRIV 16 9P 8D	17 PRIV12 9P 12D 3L PRIV 1 10P 11D PRIV 8 8P 9D 4L PRIV 16 8P 13D	18 PRIV16 8P 11D 2L PRIV 8 7P 14D AZRA 10 7P10D DIAM 20 6P8D GRCA 12 11P 3D	19 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 16 7P 11D
20 PRIV 8 7P 9D PRIV16 6P 15D	21 PRIV 16 8P 13D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	22 EXPD 18 8P9D	23 OARS 16 7P13J>L	24 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 8 9P 10D	25 PRIV 16 9P 10D PRIV 15 7P 14D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	26 PRIV 15 9P 12D PRIV 5 7P 9D CAEX 14 8P9D OARS 10 7P9W3D
27 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 7 7P 14D PRIV6 10P 11D 5L AZRA 18 7P10D	28	29 PRIV 8 8P 10D PRIV 9 7P 6D HIGH 18 6P9D OUTD 10 8P8W>D	30 WRAD 18 6P7W>D			

Whitmore Exchanges April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	8	9 X WEST 17 7W3J>L	10	11	12
13	14	15 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	16	17	18 P ARIZ 16 7P9W>D	19 X OARS16 6P9W4J>L
20	21	22 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	23	24 P HATC 20 12W>L	25 P WRAD 20 4P5W>D	26
27	28	29 X WEST 18 7W3J>L P WRAD 20 4P5W>D	30			

Diamond Creek Takeouts April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PRIV 16 8P13D PRIV 10 7P14D	3 PRIV 16 9P12D	4 PRIV 10 7P14D PRIV 16 8P13D	5 PRIV 16 10P11D PRIV 7 9P 9D
6 PRIV 16 8P10D	7 PRIV 14 9P12D PRIV 15 8P12D	8 PRIV 10 9P9D PRIV 16 7P11D	9 PRIV 16 8P10D PRIV 16 8P10D PRIV 9 7P6D	10 PRIV 16 7P14D PRIV 13 9P12D	11 PRIV 16 8P8D PRIV 16 7P9D	12 P ARIZ 20 4P5D>L
13 PRIV 16 8P13D PRIV 16 8P 13D	14 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 16 9P 12D	15 PRIV 16 9P 12D GTS 15 6P8D	16 PRIV 16 8P10D PRIV 8 7P 8D	17	18 PRIV 16 11P10D DIAM 20 12D	19 PRIV 16 7P 11D PRIV 16 6P 15D E ARIZ 16 7P9W>D
20 PRIV 13 9P12D PRIV 16 9P12D PRIV 10 8P10D AZRA 18 7P10D TOUR 14 18D	21 PRIV 11 9P12D GRCA 12 11P3D	22	23 PRIV 6 8P 10D	24 PRIV 16 9P 8D PRIV 8 9P12D PRIV13 8P13D	25 PRIV 16 10P 10D PRIV 16 8P13D DIAM 20 6P8D E WRAD20 4P5W>D	26 HIGH 20 10D
27 PRIV 16 9P12D AZRA 10 7P10D GRCA 15 8P14D	28 PRIV 1 10P11D	29 PRIV 16 8P10D PRIV 8 7P 9D E WRAD20 4P5W>D	30 PRIV 16 8P13D PRIV 16 7P11D EXPD 18 8P9D			